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1. CHINA

NYT FRONTPAGES NCNA/UPI PHOTO OF PRC LEADERS, "WHO HAVE NOT BEEN PHOTOGRAPHED TOGETHER RECENTLY," AT PEKING APPEARANCE TO PRAISE RECONSTRUCTION WORK ACCOMPLISHED AFTER RECENT EARTHQUAKES. PHOTO IDENTIFIES PM HUA IN FOREGROUND, WANG HUNG-WEN AT HIS LEFT, CHANG CHUN -CHIAO DIRECTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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BEHIND HUA; OTHERS INCLUDE CHIANG CHING AT EXTRME RIGHT, WITH YEH CHIEN-YING BETWEEN HER, WANG; YAO WEN-YUAN TRAILS CHANG.

2. THAILAND

FRIDAY EDITION BANGKOK "NATION" NEWSPAPER QUOTES AT LENGTH FROM GOVT DOCUMENT TO BE OFFICIALLY RELEASED SHORTLY, WHICH SAYS PRC, LAOS, VN, MALAYAN CP ARE ACTIVELY SUPPORTING THAI COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS. ACCORDING DOCUMENT, 587 COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS BEING TRAINED IN VN, 400 IN LAOS, SENT BACK TO THAILAND TO LEAD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT THERE. SAID SIX BATCHES THAI REDS TRAINING WITH MALAYAN COMMUNISTS, AND 65 THAI COMMUNISTS HAD STUDIED AT CHINESE MARX-LENIN INSTITUTE. REPORT CLAIMS 2,746 GOVT TROOPS KILLED IN

PAST 10 YEARS, 1,979 GUERRILLAS SLAIN, AND CITED INDICATIONS THAI CP ORGANS IN URBAN AREAS ARE EXTENDING ACTIVITIES TO COORDINATE WITH VILLAGE-LEVEL GROUPS (REUTER BANGKOK).

SENIOR CABINET MINISTER SAID FRIDAY THAT THANOM HAS AGREED NOT RETURN THAILAND FOR TIME BEING BECAUSE OF VIOLENCE HIS VISIT MIGHT PROVOKE; SAID, HOWEVER, THANOM STILL WANTED RETURN TO SEE AILING 91-YEAR-OLD FATHER (REUTER BANGKOK).

TWO THAI ALIENS ARRAIGNED ON DRUG-SMUGGLING CHARGES IN NYC COURT AFTER CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AT KENNEDY AIRPORT POST OFFICE DETECTED HEROIN, WITH ESTIMATED STREET VALUE 200,000 DOLS, CONCEALED IN PHOTO ALBUM MAILED TO ONE OF THEM (NYDN'S AIN).

3. INDOCHINA

REUNIFIED VN CELEBRATED FIRST NATIONAL DAY THURS WITH PARADE THAT FEATURED FARM/INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT INSTEAD OF MISSILES/MIL VEHICLES. REFLECTING ENDING OF WAR ERA, WOMEN IN PARADE WORE COLORFUL AO DAIS, MEN WORE WHITE SHIRTS, DARK TROUSERS. EVENT MAINLY ONE FOR YOUTH; MORE THAN 90,000 OF PARTICIPANTS UNDER 30. ADDRESSING HUGE CROWD, PHAM VAN DONG LAID EMPHASIS ON IMPROVING UNCLASSIFIED

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MATERIAL CONDITIONS OF ALL VN PEOPLE IN WAKE OF WAR; SAID MOST IMPORTANT TASK IS TO BUILD NEW SOCIALIST SYSTEM IN ALL FIELDS (AFP, NYT).

NOTING PHAM VAN DONG'S DECLARATION AT NATIONAL DAY CEREMONIES THAT HIS GOVT READY ESTABLISH RELS WITH "ALL COUNTRIES," SUN'S ISAACS, IN HK, SUGGESTS PHRASE PRESUMABLY WAS INTENDED INCLUDE US.

UPI (BANGKOK) REPORTS EXCERPT FROM US DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS RAISED THURS DURING SPECIAL PROGRAM BROADCAST BY HANOI RADIO TO MARK FIRST NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATING VN REUNIFICATION. BANGKOK-MONITORED BROADCAST

BROKE INTO ENGLISH WITH STATEMENT, "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, AND THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN INALIENABLE RIGHTS, AMONG WHICH ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS" (NYDN, NYT).

4. NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA

STRIKING SEAMEN/LONGSHOREMEN RETURNED TO WORK THURS AS TRUXTUN SAILED FOR AUSTRALIA, WHERE EXPECTED BE GREETED

BY STRIKES (WP), WHEN ARRIVES MELBOURNE NEXT WEEK (REUTER, NYT).

5. JAPAN

MFA SAID FRI MIYAZAWA WILL MEET LOCAL OFFICIALS IN HOKKAIDO, TO DISCUSS LONG-STANDING NORTHERN TERRITORY ISSUE (REUTER, WP).

PROSECUTORS INDICTED KODAMA AND HIS SECY FRI ON CHARGES SET UP HK "COVER" TO RECEIVE 266,666 DOLS FROM LOCKHEED'S CLUTTER IN VIOLATION FOREX CONTROL LAW (UPI, NYT). FOURTH INDICTMENT AGAINST KODAMA, SECOND AGAINST HIS SECY, TSUNEO TACHIKAWA (AP, PHINQ).

JUSMIN OFFICIAL TOLD DIET CMTE FRI KENJI OSANO, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF TANAKA, IS MAJOR TARGET OF PROBE INTO "KODAMA ROUTE" FOR LOCKHEED PAYMENTS (NYT).
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UPI'S CRABBE (BALTO N-A 9/2) NOTES MINI-BOOM IN JAPAN/ VIETNAM TRADE COULDREACH200 MILLION DOLS THIS YEAR. JAPANESE IMPORT COAL FROM HONG GAI, EXPORT TRUCKS, BULLDOZERS, FERTILIZER.

FORMER TOYOTA EXEC SHOJI HATTORI INDICTED IN LA, FOR EVADING TAXES ON 430,000 DOLS IN KICKBACKS PAID BY PEOPLE SEEKING REGIONAL DEALERSHIPS, OVER 4-YR PERIOD ENDING 1972. CURRENTLY IN TOKYO. JOHN GARRETT, JAMES RYAN INDICTED ON SIMILAR CHARGES (WSJ, LA).

US PRESSING JAPAN SPEED UP TESTS REQUIRED FOR IMPORTED AUTOS, TO PERMIT NEW US MODELS GO ON SALE DURING PEAK BUYING SEASON THIS WINTER. TOOK SIX MOS LAST YR, WHICH MEANT 76 MODELS KEPT OUT OF MARKET UNTIL MARCH, WELL AFTER WORKERS HAD SPENT YR-END BONUS MONEY (JOC, TOKYO).

TAMAGAWA U OPENED DOORS OF AGRIC CAMPUS, AT NANAIMO, BC, THURS; FIRST JAPANESE UNIVERSITY TO ESTABLISH NA CAMPUS (REUTER, WP).

6. KOREA

UNC/NK REPS SCHEDULED MEET AGAIN FRI, TO CONTINUE TALKS ON HOW PREVENT JSA VIOLENCE. DIFFERED ONLY ON MINOR DETAILS IN THURS SESSION, ACCORDING ALLIED SOURCES (AP WP, SUN; BALTO N-A 9/2).

NYT SPEC (SEOUL) CITES KOREAN PRESS REPORTS, APPARENTLY BASED ON SK OFFICIAL SOURCES, THAT NK REPS AGREED PRINCIPLE

REMOVE 4 GUARD POSTS FROM SOUTHERN PART JSA. WOULD MEAN DE FACTO PARTITION OF "JOINT SECURITY AREA." PRESS ALSO SAID UK ACCEDDED US DEMAND AREA REMAIN OPEN TO NON-MIL PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES, INCLUDING PRESS COVERING MAC TALKS, TOURISTS, WORKERS LIKE THOSE TRIMMING TREE 8/18.

PRINCE (WP) NOTES REV SINNOTT ARRESTED THURS FOR DISTURBING PEACE WHILE CONDUCTING PRAYER VIGIL ON LAWN ROK EMB WASHINGTON, IN PROTEST SENTENCING 18 DISSIDENTS. RELEASED UNCLASSIFIED

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ON BOND, PENDING ARRAIGNMENT DC COURT FRI (UPI PHOTO).

7. JAPAN/INDONESIA

BURMAH OIL/PERTAMINA HAVE SIGNED 20-YR CONTRACT FOR BURMAH CARRY INDONESIA LNG JAPAN. SHOULD BOOST FIRM'S EFFORTS SECURE FINANCING FOR GAS CARRIERS ON ORDER AT GENL DYNAMICS YARD, QUINCY, MASS (JOC, LONDON).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

IN LETTER TO CHITRIB, GEORGE LEE, CHAIRPERSON, US-CHINA PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP ASSN, TAKES ISSUE WITH PAPER'S 8/11 EDIT WHICH WARNED US NOT BREAK RELS WITH ROC. ACCORDING LEE, US SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN GOVT IS CONSTANT CAUSE OF ASIA TENSION, AND IN DIRECT CONTRADICTION SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE; COMPLAINS ALSO THAT CONTINUING US ECON/MIL/DIPL SUPPORT FOR ROC CONTRADICTS COMMUNIQUE'S PLEDGE PRC-US NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

PROF JOHN LIN, OF NY STATE U COLLEGE, WRITES NYT THAT US SHOULD PRACTICE "NON-INVOLVEMENT" IN MATTERS BETWEEN PRC AND "NATIONALIST DICTATORSHIP." APPROVES CANADA'S REJECTION TAIWAN ATHLETES AT OLYMPICS, SINCE THEIR ACCEPTANCE AS REPS OF 850 MILLION CHINESE IN PRC WOULD HAVE BEEN INJECTION POLITICS INTO SPORTS EVENT. MAINTAINS PROPER US POLICY IS ESTABLISH DIPLO RELS WITH PEKING AND RECOGNIZE RIGHT OF TAIWANESE, NOT NATIONALISTS, TO EXERCISE SELF-DETERMINATION/INDEPENDENT STATEHOOD.

CSM'S HALVERSON INTERVIEWS NCUSCT PRES PHILLIPS, WHO SAYS HE'S STRUCK MOST BY SIGNS THAT ALTHOUGH LEVEL SINO-US TRADE (WITHOUT DIPLO RECOGNITION) WILL BE MODEST, CHINESE SEEM CLEAR IN WANTING MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY WITH US. SAYS AT SAME TIME, PEKING IS CLEARLY INDICATING

FULL-SCALE TRADE LARGELY CONTINGENT ON DIPLO RECOGNITION.

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9. TIBET

IN LHASA, NEVILLE MAXWELL SEES TIBET PROVING POINT OF SOME AGRONOMISTS WHO ARGUE THAT WITH EFFICIENT USE EVEN TRADITIONAL FARMING METHODS OF PEASANT SOCIETIES CAN INCREASE PRODUCTION, TURN SUBSISTENCE COUNTRIES INTO GRAIN EXPORTERS. SAYS INTRODUCTION WINTER WHEAT INTO AREAS THAT HAD NEVER GROWN IT BEFORE ACCOUNTS FOR GOOD PART OF TIBET'S ACHIEVEMENT OF SHARPLY INCREASED PRODUCTION (NYT).

UPI'S HOSTEIN SAYS TWO OF HIGHEST RANKING LAMAS IN TIBET -- NECHUNG RINPOCHE AND GOMANG KHEN RINPOCHE -- ARE MAKING FIRST JOURNEY TO WEST TO SAVE TIBETAN BUDDHISM. IN INTERVIEW, MEN SAID THEY MUST RAISE AT LEAST 100,000 DOLS TO BUILD NEW MONASTERY WHERE CAN RE-ESTABLISH TEACHING/RELIGIOUS RITUALS CONDUCTED IN EXILE SINCE CHINESE INVADDED TIBET IN 1959.

10. KOREA

ABC-TV HOUR-LONG DOCUMENTARY THURS EVE DEALT WITH CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY, UNIFICATION CHURCH. REFERRED OFTEN TO ALLEGED CONNECTION BETWEEN REV MOON, ROKG THRU COL. PARK BO HEE.

REP MURPHY (NY), DON RANARD, JERRY COHEN TOOK PART IN PANEL DISCUSSION OF JSA INCIDENT ON "ROBERT MACNEIL REPORT" THURS EVE (WETA-TV). COHEN/RANARD DENOUNCED PARK REPRESSION. COHEN RECALLED 1950 ACHESON STATEMENT TO RHEE, THAT US INVOLVEMENT PREDICATED ON PURSUIT OF DEMOCRACY BY GROK. MURPHY DEFENDED ADMIN POLICIES; SAID PARK INTERNAL POLICIES, WHILE REGRETTABLE, ESSENTIAL TO MEET SECURITY THREAT. ALL SUPPORTED US RESPONSE TO SLAYINGS, CRITICIZED NK.

WSJ SAYS WASHINGTON WORRIED ABOUT MOVES IN UN TO OUST US FORCES FROM SK. NOTES JSA SLAYINGS HAVE NOT INCREASED UN SUPPORT FOR US PROPOSAL HOLD 4-POWER TALKS. STATES US WOULD SUFFER POLITICAL BLOW IF UNGA SHOULD ADOPT ANTI-US RESOLUTION, AND ANTI-UN SENTIMENT IN US WOULD

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BE INFLAMED.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL (8/24) APPROVES FIRMNESS OF ADMIN
INTENT KEEP MURDER 2 US OFFICERS FROM FLARING INTO
LARGER CONFLICT; WAS "PROPER COURSE."

NYT SPEC (SEOUL) DESCRIBES LURE OF PANMUNJOM FOR TOURISTS.
SAYS 1000/MONTH COME TO LOOK AT NK ACROSS DMZ. GROUP
OF 100 JAPANESE, WHO WITNESSED SLAYINGS 8/18 WERE STUNNED;
ONE ALMOST THOUGHT WAR HAD BEGUN (WITH PHOTOS).

CDN'S BEECH (IN GLOBE) PROFILES AGING, IRRATIONAL
OBSESSION-RIDDEN KIM IL-SUNG. REVIEWS INTERNAL PROBLEMS,
INCLUDING NEAR-BANKRUPTCY NK ECONOMY. CITES INTELL
SOURCES WHO SEE SIGNS SELF-PROCLAIMED "SUN OF MANKIND"
HAS TROUBLE WINNING ACCEPTANCE OF SON AS CHOSEN HEIR,
SUCH AS MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE FROM WALLS OF POSTERS
DEPICTING FATHER/SON. WHETHER CHONG IL SURVIVES,
ACCORDING ONE ANALYST, DEPENDS ON HOW LONG HIS FATHER
LIVES.

NORFOLK VIRGINIA-PILOT (8/27) STATES MAY BE THREE
PLAUSIBLE REASONS FOR UNCHARACTERISTIC RESTRAINT SHOWN
BY NK FOLLOWING JSA SAVAGE MURDERS. MAY HAVE BACKED
DOWN AFTER US SHOW OF FORCE; MAY HAVE BEEN COUNSELED
BACK DOWN BY PRC/SOV; OR MAY HAVE CONCLUDED AFFAIR
COULD POSTPONE US ABANDONMENT OF TRUCE-KEEPING CHORES.

O'LEARY (WSTAR 9/2) REVIEWS DOS HUMMEL'S TESTIMONY BEFORE
HIRC SUB-COMTES WED. HUMMEL SAID JSA INCIDENT "MEANT
TO BE A MAJOR PROVOCATION" OF RESPONSE NK COULD THEN USE
TO SHOW WORLD US SEEKING WAR IN PENINSULA. ADDED
"WE BELIEVE OUR RESPONSE WAS SOBERING" TO NKOREANS "WHO
ARE CHASTENED" BY INCIDENT; BUT NOT CERTAIN HOW LONG
LESSON WILL STICK.

BEECHER (GLOBE) STATES ORIGINAL PLAN FOR SHOW OF FORCE
DURING TREE-CUTTING MISSION CALLED FOR 3 B-52S DROPPING
70,000LBS BOMBS ON NIGHTMARE RIDGE RANGE, 10 MILES FROM
PANMUNJOM TO UNDERScore SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH US VIEWED
KILLINGS. CITES WELL-PLACED SOURCES WHO SAID CALLED OFF
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AT ELEVENTH HOUR, ON GROUNDS MIGHT APPEAR "TOO PROVOCATIVE"
AND TRIGGER MIL RESPONSE BY TRUCULENT NKOREANS. AS
TURNED OUT, MASSIVE SHOW OF FORCE APPEARED INTIMIDATE
NK, WHICH ISSUED UNCHARACTERISTIC STATEMENT OF "REGRET."
SPECULATES ON NK PURPOSE. NOTES NET EFFECT OF ENTIRE

INCIDENT, AS SEEN BY US OBSERVERS, WAS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FOR NK.

11. KOREA/JAPAN

CSM'S STROUT BELIEVES 450,000 US TROOPS ABROAD WILL BE CAMPAGIN ISSUE. FORD SAYS ARE NECESSARY, CARTER SAYS SOME CAN BE BROUGHT HOME. INCLUDES 42,000 IN SK, AND,

ACCORDING CTR FOR DEFENSE INFORMATION, MORE THAN 600 NUCLEAR WEAPONS. STATES EUROPEANS WATCH WITH INTEREST, AND LONDON ECONOMIST (8/28) EXPLAINED US DOES NOT KEEP FORCES IN ROK SOLELY FOR SKOREANS, BUT ALSO FOR "STILL ALMOST MILITARILY NAKED JAPAN" THAT WOULD HATE SEE COMMUNIST TROOPS ONLY 100 MILES AWAY, ACROSS TSUSHIMA STRAITS.

12. JAPAN

SNOW (GLOBE) WONDERS IF LOCKHEED SCANDAL, OFTEN CALLED JAPAN'S WATERGATE, MIGHT UPSTAGE ITS NAMESAKE. REVIEWS ALLEGATIONS PROBES, ARRESTS, AND UN-JAPANESE DECISIONS BY CALIFORNIA-EDUCATED PM TO AIR THOROUGHLY. AS RESULT, MIKI FACED WITH STRONG MOVE AMONG LDP DIETMEN TO OUST HIM. APART FROM WHETHER PM SURVIVES TILL ELECTION, BELIEVES WHAT MAKES SCANDAL "TRULY EXCEPTIONAL" IS WAY MIKI HAS APPEALED FOR, RECEIVED, PUBLIC PRESS SUPPORT.

ROWEN (WP) NOTES AMB TOGO RESPONDED REP REUSS (WISC) SEPT 1 DENYING ALLEGATION IN EARLIER REUSS LETTER THAT YEN PEGGED BY "ARTIFICIAL INTERVENTION" BY GOJ. CRITICIZED MANY ARTICLES IN US PRESS ABOUT YEN RATE AS "BASED ON MISCONCEPTIONS." CITED JAPAN'S ADHERANCE TO SPIRIT OF RAMBOUILLET. REITERATED JAPAN, ALONG WITH US, "ONE OF STAUNCHEST" PROPONENTS OPEN ECONOMY/FREE TRADE.

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SD UNION'S NEILAN (8/28) VIEWS ELECTION OF LDP CANDIDATE HIRAI TO GOVERNORSHIP YAMAGUCHI PREF AS SIGN LOCKHEED SCANDAL HAS NOT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED PARTY'S VOTE-GETTING ABILITY. NOTES LDP SYNONYMOUS WITH PROGRESS OF JAPANESE BIG BUSINESS, EXPORT MARK JAPAN HAS MADE ON WORLD. LIKELY WILL BE FORCED CLEAN UP ITS ACT, BUT UNLIKELY WILL BE MUCH SLIPPAGE IN POLITICAL GRIP. ROBINSON

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